



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP 3%

For the week ending July 30, 2005, growers placed 11.8 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.2% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.8 million) increased 3.2% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.1 million, an increase of 2.1% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.4 million for the week ending July 23, 2005 compared to 10.6 million slaughtered during the same week in 2004.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

| WEEK ENDING | EGGS SET 1/ | | CHICKS HATCHED 1/ | | CHICKS PLACED 2/ | |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | PREV YEAR | CURR YEAR | PREV YEAR | CURR YEAR | PREV YEAR | CURR YEAR |
| ----- THOUSANDS ----- | | | | | | |
| 06/04/05 | 14,030 | 14,247 | 11,558 | 11,797 | 11,558 | 11,798 |
| 06/11/05 | 14,081 | 14,300 | 11,702 | 11,817 | 11,927 | 11,819 |
| 06/18/05 | 14,144 | 14,414 | 11,734 | 11,917 | 11,734 | 11,918 |
| 06/25/05 | 14,001 | 14,298 | 11,602 | 11,883 | 11,632 | 11,883 |
| 07/02/05 | 13,576 | 13,787 | 11,648 | 11,895 | 11,648 | 11,895 |
| 07/09/05 | 13,721 | 14,206 | 11,741 | 11,906 | 11,741 | 11,906 |
| 07/16/05 | 13,821 | 14,160 | 11,686 | 11,867 | 11,686 | 11,967 |
| 07/23/05 | 13,813 | 14,290 | 11,259 | 11,518 | 11,683 | 11,518 |
| 07/30/05 | 13,851 | 14,140 | 11,425 | 11,786 | 11,425 | 11,786 |

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

| | WEEK ENDING | PREV. WEEK | PREV. MONTH | PREV. YEAR |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | 08/06/05 | | | |
| New York Weighted Avg | 69.60 | 72.43 | 72.71 | 73.76 |
| 12-City Composite 2/ | 71.45 | 72.95 | 71.76 | 78.84 |

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.